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SUBJECT: JOINT APPROACH ON NAMIBIA

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1. AS OF 5 P.M. TODAY, FRENCH COUNSELOR HOMO (FRENCH AMBASSADOR OUT MAKING FAREWELL CALLS) SAID FRENCH EMBASSY HAS STILL RECEIVED NOTHING BEYOND ORIGINAL TELEGRAM INSTRUCTING THEM TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH AND US BUT NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH APPOINTMENT UNTIL THEY GET FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND APPROVED TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE. WHEN I ASKED IF THEY HAD CONSIDERED TELEPHONING PARIS OR CABLING FOR CLARIFICATION, NOTING MY UNDERSTANDING FROM AMEMBASSY PARIS THAT INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN SENT, HE SEEMED TO FEEL THEY SHOULD NOT ASK SINCE OTHER PARIS MESSAGES WERE NOW COMING THROUGH. HE PROMISED LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS ANYTHING WAS RECEIVED.

2. RE PARA 2 REF (B), IT MAY STILL NOT BE TOO LATE MAKE APPROACH TO FONMIN BEFORE MAJOR POLICY STATEMENT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IS EXPECTED MAKE DURING CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY CONFIDENTIAL

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DEBATE. ALTHOUGH UNITED PARTY OPPOSITION LEADER SIR DE VILLIERS

GRAAF OPENED DEBATE ON PM'S BUDGET THIS AFTERNOON, VORSTER MADE ONLY BRIEF RESPONSE, NOTING THAT HE WOULD DEAL WITH MAJOR POINTS LATER, AFTER OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS (PROGRESSIVE AND REFORM) HAD EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS. SOME OBSERVERS FEEL VORSTER'S RESPONSE MAY NOW BE PUT OFF UNTIL APRIL 22.

3. SIR DE VILLIERS' OPENING STATEMENT GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN DETENTE AND AIRED NUMBER OF CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS ARISING FROM RECENT OAU MEETING. INTER ALIA (WE WILL REPORT SUBSTANCE IN MORE DETAIL LATER) GRAAFF NOTED SECURITY COUNCIL'S MAY 30 DEADLINE ON NAMIBIA AND ASKED FOR FULL EXPOSITION OF SAG POLICY ON DETENTE, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA--EVEN SUGGESTING THAT NAMIBIA (SWA) DESERVED PRIORITY BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE EASIER PROBLEM FOR SAG TO DEAL WITH THAN RHODESIA SINCE SAG CONTROLS SWA GOVT AND HAS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRITORY. VORSTER WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS LATER IN DEBATE. EDMONDSON

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